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SUBJ: GAO SURVEY: "USE OF U.S. CARRIERS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL
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1. GAO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANS TO CONDUCT SUBJECT SURVEY. OBJECTIVE OF SURVEY IS TO REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE PRACTICES FOLLOWED WHEN QUESTIONS ARISE AS TO INTERPRETATION OF LAWS, GUIDELINES, AND REGULATIONS, AND TO DOCUMENT PROBLEMS AND POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE IN IMPLEMENTING THE LAW, GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS. GAO INTENDS TO REVIEW VOUCHERS, TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS, BILLS OF LADING, AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION FOR TRAVEL AND CARGO SHIPMENT BY FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS AND SHIPS.

2. GAO PLANS VISIT PARIS STARTING APRIL 14. ARRIVAL TIME, NAMES OF AUDITORS AND SECURITY CLEARANCES WILL BE CABLED BY GAO EUROPEAN BRANCH.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4. FYI. SUBJECT SURVEY ALSO BEING CONDUCTED AT ATHENS, CAIRO,
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